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ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Beutler, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would simply encourage you once more to adopt an amendment that would benefit all the teachers and not just a small 15 percent of them. What the amendment does is to eliminate the pre-1968 program that is built into the bill which costs \$6 million and then it turns around and reduces the new state fund from \$3.5 million to about \$1.7 million. That is \$1.7 million of new money that goes into the teacher retirement program for all teachers. It reduces the employees' payments. Now under the bill the employees' payments are going up from 3.5 percent to 5.5 percent. I hope your teachers are happy with that and you might check with them. But it reduces it in half so that what they are putting into the fund is reduced from \$7.7 million to \$4 million making that more reasonable and then putting in some local political subdivision money but not nearly the \$4.6 million that is in the bill so that in total you are taking three to four million dollars of new money and giving it to all teachers instead of focusing \$6 million on a small 15 percent of the teachers, many of whom I think are administrators. With that, Mr. Speaker, I would ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Beutler amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted that care to? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 21 nays on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion fails. Do you have anything else on the bill?

CLERK: Nothing further, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, we are back to the bill.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. I'll be brief in closing. We